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WASHINGTON ADVTS.

Mark-Down Sale

—OF—

Children's Spring Coats,

And a great reduction made in prices of Jet Wraps, Morning Wraps and Plain Cloth Wraps.

To reduce our stock of Children's Coats and to draw parents' attention to this department, we have a lot of Coats, ages from 2 to 9 years, which have been selling at \$3, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$5, \$5.50, \$6, \$6.50, \$7, \$7.50, \$8 and \$8.75.

HAVE MARKED THEM DOWN TO \$2, and another lot we have MARKED DOWN to \$3, \$4 and \$5.

Parents to take advantage of this remarkable bargain should call early.

R. H. TAYLOR,

933 Pennsylvania Avenue, WASHINGTON, D. C.
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FISH: FISH: FISH!
WM. D. SMITH & CO.,
Dealers in and Packers of

Potomac Shad and Herring,

Having bought out the outfit of S. J. Reed, now prepared to furnish the trade with Fish in bulk or by the barrel, half barrel and kits. Having been in the business for a long time, they think they can give entire satisfaction to any who may favor them with their orders. Fish house at the corporation fish wharf, No. 3, Alexandria, Va.
All orders entrusted to them, addressed as above, will receive prompt attention.
WM. D. SMITH & CO.,
DEALERS IN

FRESH AND SAUTED FISH,

Will receive Fish daily from the shores of the Potomac, and will supply consumers in quantities to suit, either fresh or salted by experienced packers. Country orders solicited and satisfaction guaranteed. Our brand of BAILED FISH has always sold No. 1 in the market.
GEO. E. PRICE & CO.,
Stalls Nos. 2 and 3 City Market, and Fish House No. 1 Corporation Fish Wharf. mh4-2m

BUILDING MATERIAL, &c.

PERRY, SMOOT & CO.

Manufacturers of
WOOD and WINDOW FRAMES, MOLDINGS, &c.
Dealers in
LUMBER, SHINGLES, LATHS, NAILS, LIME, CALCINED PLASTER and CEMENT.
No. 25 NORTH UNION ST.,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.
Lumber delivered in the city free.
ESTABLISHED 1822.

JOSIAH H. D. SMOOT,

DEALER IN
Lumber, Shingles, Laths,

NAILS, LIME, CEMENT, CALCINED PLASTER,

&c., &c., &c.
MANUFACTURER OF
FLOORING, DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, FRAMES, MOLDINGS, MANTELS, BRACKETS AND ALL KINDS OF WOOD WORK.

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No charge for delivery in city. jan28

John T. Creighton & Son,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

HARDWARE AND CUTLERY.

Moss-King, CORNER OF ROYAL STREET.

Have on hand a very large and well-assorted stock of goods in their line.

Country merchants are invited to call and examine before purchasing.

Satisfaction guaranteed. Call and see. [ap12]

B. F. PEAKE,

Dealer in

DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, HARDWARE, PAINTS,

OILS, LEADS, CEMENT, LUMBER, LIME,

CALCINED PLASTER, SLATE MAN-

TLES, HEARTHES, &c., &c., &c.

Corner King and Pitt streets, Alexandria, Va.

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JAMES F. CARLIN & SONS.

NO. 63 KING STREET

ALEXANDRIA VIRGINIA

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

HARDWARE AND CUTLERY.

Carriers: Hardware, Locks, Hinges, Screws, Nails, Laths, &c., &c., &c.

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Persons leaving the city can have the Gazette mailed to them, postpaid, for fifty cents a month, and the address changed as often as desired.

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All communications should be addressed to "Gazette," Alexandria, Va.

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What Gas Costs.

One of the best kept secrets is the actual cost of gas making in America. Racks and thumb screws might, perhaps, extort the truth which the severest cross-examination before legislative committees has failed to elicit. It is the subject of conjecture and inference like the nature of comets, the distance of the fixed stars, the cause of earthquakes, the origin of the diamond. There are certain data by which we arrive at approximately accurate conclusions about the cost of gas at the works. No matter how low we put it, the statement is never contradicted by any responsible president or chief engineer of a gas company. From this fact we infer that the outside estimate is always too high for the reality, and that those who are concerned in keeping up an illusion are well satisfied if we come no nearer the truth.

We discover, buried in the last issue of United States Consular Reports, some interesting facts and figures bearing on this mysterious subject. They are from the pen of Consul Schoenhof, who seems to have a natural aptitude for such investigations, and he may have been instructed by our Government to make them. If so he has been put to a work more useful than the routine business which falls to the share of our representatives abroad. The details he furnishes are so full and precise as to leave no doubt of their general correctness. His inquiry took in a large range, and is practically exhaustive. It relates to fifteen metropolitan works, nineteen provincial works, and the immense works at Stoke which are managed upon a plan somewhat different from the other two classes. And here are some of the concentrated average results. At Stoke the gas ready for delivery costs (in even figures) 35 cents a thousand cubic feet, and is sold to consumers at 75. The metropolitan companies produce their gas at an expense of 46 cents and furnish it at 75. The provincial concerns make gas for 35 cents and supply it at 58. Coal is cheapest in the Stoke district, being procured from mines in that vicinity. This is the reason why the gas costs less there than elsewhere. In London the price of gas coal is about the same as in New York. At the provincial works generally the residual products (coke, tar and ammonia) sell for more than in any other market, thus enabling the companies to deliver their gas at the low rates mentioned. These by-products are so economically obtained and carefully saved that they yield, aside from the gas, a profit of nearly 5 per cent. on the capital invested.

Human nature is the same everywhere, and the selling price of gas in England would not be as just and reasonable as we find it but for the wholesome operation of the sliding-scale law. In granting to the companies the highly valuable franchises they possess, Parliament, in order to protect the public, fixed the maximum price of gas. So far from questioning the power of the State to do this, the corporations were only too glad to get the concessions on such terms, and in every case, they voluntarily named their maximum rate, making it low in order to procure favors from Parliament. The rate of dividend is also fixed by the same authority—varying from 5 to 7 1/2 per cent. yearly on the par value of the shares. Now, whenever a company reduces the price of gas to the public, say one penny (it is 2 1/2 in some charters) below the maximum price, it is allowed to add 1/10 of 1 per cent. to its regular dividend for every such reduction. The fluctuations of prices in the interest of the consumer and of dividends for the benefit of the shareholders obey this simple rule as truly as a stationary steam engine conforms the speed of its fly-wheel to the impulses or checks of the automatic "governor." In other words, the system is perfectly self-regulating.

If, in the United States, the cost of labor at the works is higher than in England, the adoption of the patent water gas process here goes far to counterbalance that one disadvantage. We know of no good reason why gas should not be sold as cheaply here as in London. From a source which has our entire confidence we learn that it is possible to manufacture the water gas of a quality equal to any furnished in this vicinity at less than an average cost of 25 cents at the works. Our neighbors on the other side of the East River, who charge \$2 for a similar article, are fighting two bills in the Legislature—one which reduces the charge to \$1.25 and the other to \$1.00. It is certain that with any fair, economical management it might pay a very handsome profit, even at the inside rate we have named.—N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

NEW TRIAL FOR RIDENOUR.—Judge

Clark, of Winchester, yesterday set aside the verdict of murder in the first degree in the Ridenour case on the ground of the separation of the jury and the receipt of communications which the sheriff did not examine. The jury produced thirty letters in court, and offered them for the inspection of the prisoner's counsel and the judge, but as some of them were of an extremely delicate and sentimental nature they declined to permit them to be published as part of the record. They made out that there was nothing in the letters that had the slightest reference to the case, but Judge Clark ruled that he had no authority to examine them unless they were made part of the record, and he would not be justified in making them a part of the record without the consent of the jurors; that only the letters were evidence of their contents, and no statement could be made by the jury of their contents. He ruled, therefore, that the reception of letters was in law a separation of the jury which must be explained satisfactorily, and which, for reasons stated above, was not done in this case. Therefore the verdict was set aside. The Commonwealth's Attorney, R. E. Byrd, moved for a change of venue, but the motion was denied and the case set for rehearing May 23. Ridenour, it will be remembered, was convicted of the murder of Andrew Brody.

Young and middle aged men suffering

from nervous debility, premature old age, loss of memory and kindred symptoms, should send ten cents in stamp for large illustrated treatise suggesting sure means of cure. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Absolutely Pure.

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FOR RENT.

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FOR RENT AT \$10 PER MONTH.

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REAL ESTATE AGENTS AND BROKERS, Room 2 Market Building.

Offer for sale every one of the following desirable city and country property.

IMPROVED PROPERTY CITY.

Two-story frame dwelling and lot King street, between Payne and West.

Two-story brick dwelling and lot north side of Prince, between Lee and Union.

Two-story brick dwelling and lot Queen street, between Prince and Duke.

Two-story frame dwelling and lot Prince street, between Prince and Duke.

Two-story frame dwelling and lot Columbus street, between Prince and Duke.

Two-story brick dwelling, store and lot King street, between Prince and Duke.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot 55 Prince st.

Four-story brick building and lot known as the "Tomb Hotel," Cameron st., between Fairfax and Royal.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot s. e. corner Patrick and King streets.

Two-story brick dwelling and lot corner Peyton and Commerce street.

Two-story frame dwelling and lot Columbus street between Wilkes and Gibson.

Two-story frame dwelling and lot Duke street, bet. Patrick and Alfred.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot King street, bet. Washington and Columbus.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot of ground Duke street, between Columbus and Alfred.

Four-story brick dwelling, stables and lots n. w. corner, Cameron and St. Asaph streets.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot n. w. corner, Royal and Duke streets.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot n. w. corner, bet. Royal and Pitt.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot Washington st., between Cameron and Queen.

Three-story frame dwelling and lot Wilkes street, between Royal and Pitt.

Two-story brick dwelling and lot Union street, bet. Duke and Wolfe.

Two-story frame dwelling and lot Union street, bet. Duke and Wolfe.

Two-story frame dwellings and lots Fairfax st., between Queen and Cannon.

VACANT LOTS.

Three-story brick store King, bet. Fairfax and Royal.

Three-story brick dwelling, Queen, bet. Pitt and St. Asaph.

Two houses and lots s. w. corner, Queen and Lee.

House and lot s. w. corner, Royal and Queen.

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Lot s. e. corner, between Royal and Fairfax.

Seven lots Columbus, bet. Oronoco and Pendleton.

Five lots Henry, between King and Prince.

Lot s. e. corner, Wilkes and Columbus.

Lot s. e. corner, between Pitt and Royal.

Lot Henry, between Duke and Prince.

Lot s. e. corner, w. e. corner, Alfred and Wolfe.

Lot Columbus, between Pendleton and Wythe.

Lot s. e. corner, Pendleton, Royal and Pitt.

Ten lots Duke, west of West street.

Lot Cameron, Payne and Fayette.

Lot n. e. corner, Queen and Fairfax.

FARM PROPERTY.

A large number of DESIRABLE FARMS in Alexandria, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and Fauquier counties. ap21-1m

BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE.

ELIGIBLE BUILDING LOTS

In square bounded by Queen, West and Payne sts.

This block has been subdivided, and lots are now offered for sale.

A water main runs in front of Payne street lots.

Apply to

ROBERT J. THOMAS.

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LEGAL.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned, having qualified as administrator upon the estate of JOHN WENTZEL, deceased, late of Alexandria, Va., notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make payment of such indebtedness to her, and all persons having claims against said estate to present the same, properly verified, for settlement.

MARY WENTZEL, Adm'x. of John Wentzel, dec'd.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of SUSANNAH LILES, deceased, notice is hereby given to all parties having claims against the estate of the said Susannah Liles to present the same at once duly authenticated for settlement, and all persons indebted to said estate are notified to make prompt payment.

MARY WENTZEL, Adm'x. of John Wentzel, dec'd.

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ELIJAH CASH, Executor.

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Manufacturers and Bottlers of

SODA AND MINERAL WATERS,

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We have just put in operation apparatus of the newest pattern for the production and bottling of carbonated drinks, which we are now manufacturing of the very best quality, and which can be had at any of the saloons or grocery stores in the city. We solicit a trial.

We supply only the trade.

L. STABLER & CO., N. W. cor. King and Washington sts., Alexandria, Va. mh24

A NEW LINE OF BREAKFAST WARE TO BE

opened to-day of an entirely new and lovely pattern, which will be sure to be popular and which you can match at any time and purchase in as small a quantity as you desire. We would be glad to have you examine these goods before purchasing, as we are making every effort to please and take great care in offering the newest goods on the market.

mh8 E. J. MILLER, SON & CO.

CUTICULAR PLASTERS—New and original,

and vastly superior to any other plaster for destroying pain wherever located or from what cause produced, together with all the other Cuticure Preparations, Ointments, Resolvents, Soaps, &c., just received at

WARFIELD & HALL'S, Corner Prince and Fairfax sts. ap7

BREECH LOADING GUNS, fine quality. Shell

electing, Double action and other Pistols, Loading Implements, Shells, Caps, Primers, Wads and other goods in same line, will be sold at low prices, at 88 King, corner of Royal streets. Call and examine.

mh14 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

BREECH AND MUZZLE-LOADING SHOT

B GUNS, the largest and best assortment we have ever had, at lower prices; also Paper Cuticure of all grades, Wads, Caps, Belts and Canvas Coats. It will pay purchasers to call and see us.

JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS, Alexandria, Va. oct28

THE ENTERPRISE MEAT CHOPPER is the

best; does not grind the meat, like other cutters, but CHOPS IT. It is useful for many purposes ALL THE YEAR ROUND in preparing chicken salad, beef tea, mince meat, hams, &c. For sale by

JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS, Alexandria, Va. mh3

DESSICATED COCONUT, in bulk, for sale by

J. C. MILBURN. ap12

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